Abolition of child labour

3592. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a press newsitem captioned "SACCS to urge abolition of child labour" as reported in the Times of India dated 28-7-93;

(b) if so, whether to eradicate child labour in the country, Government have contemplated any serious efforts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Total eradication of child labour in the near future being considered not practicable due to socio-economic complexities prevailing in the country, the Policy of the Govt. is to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children.

Violation of labour laws by PSUs

3593. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Central Public Sector Undertakings have been terminating the services of their employees in violation of all Central and State Government Acts by giving one or two days notice;

(b) whether representations were made since June 1993 to the Chief Labour Commissioner, New Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken thereon;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) Representations have been received in the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) from individual workman/Trade Unions alleging illegal and unjustified termination of services in violation of Central|State Laws. The representations relating to Central Sphere are forwarded to the field officers of Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) and those relating to the State Sphere are forwarded to the State Labour Commissioners for taking appropriate action. Besides, the Trade Unions and aggrieved workmen also raise industrial disputes, whenever the employer illegally discharges dismisses, retrenches or otherwise terminates the services of the workmen. The conciliation officers intervene in the matter for amicable settlement and resolution of the disputes. In case of failure, they submit Failure of Conciliation Reports to the appropriate Government, who refer the cases to Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals for adjudication under Section 10(1) of I.D. Act. This procedure has been adopted in respect of representation received and disputes raised since June 1993 as well.

Changes in Social Security Schemes

3594. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose changes in the operation of social security schemes like the Employees' State Insurance Corporation Schemes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?